

## WASHINGTON ITEMS.

**Distribution of Seeds at the South.**  
The Commissioner of Agriculture is now daily sending to the South seeds and cereals, in accordance with the provisions of the recent law transferring \$50,000 from the Freedmen's Bureau fund to aid in relieving the general destitution of garden and farm seeds in the South, to give to that region new and improved varieties, and thus help to develop the future of the country. The regular statistics of correspondents, so far as appointed, will represent the department in the distribution within their own counties, and agents are designated in other counties to assist in the work. Individual requests for small parcels are also received, and the distribution is thus made as general and equal as possible. The quantity of seeds at the disposal of the Commissioner, however, will fall far short of the demand and of the expectations of the people of the country to be supplied. Commissioner Newton is entitled to the credit of suggesting, urging, and securing this timely assistance to the Southern people.

## The Official Report Relative to the Capture of Jeff. Davis.

Last January the House Committee on Claims was instructed to investigate and report all the facts connected with the capture of Jeff. Davis. The evidence taken pursuant to that authority has just been published, and contains a few interesting details. The main facts are the same as appeared immediately after Jeff. Davis' capture, but there are some points cleared up which have been enveloped until now in some little doubt and uncertainty. The evidence comprises a deposition of General J. H. Wilson, made before the Committee on the 27th of January last; a lengthy report by the same officer to General Grant, bearing date January 17, 1867; and reports by Generals K. F. Winslow, A. J. Alexander, Colonel Henry Haraden, Lieutenant O. P. Clinch, and private J. J. Alpin, of the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry. The report of General Wilson gives a full account of the capture, the unfortunate mistake between Colonels Pritchard and Haraden, and the condition of the prisoner at the time of his apprehension. The General sticks to the old version, that Jeff. Davis was disguised partially in the attire of a female, alluding to the subject in the following language:—"During the firing of the skirmish just referred to, the adjutant of the 4th Michigan, Lieutenant J. G. Dickinson, after having looked to the security of the Rebel camp, and sent forward a number of the men who had straggled, was about to go to the front himself, when his attention was called by one of the men to three persons in female attire, who had apparently just left one of the large tents near by, and were moving towards the thick woods. He started at once towards them, and called out, 'Halt.' But not hearing him, or not caring to obey, they continued to move off. Just then they were confronted by three men, under direction of Corporal Munger, coming from the opposite direction. The corporal recognized one of the persons as Davis, advanced carbine, and demanded his surrender. The three persons halted, and by the actions of the two, who afterwards turned out to be women, all doubt as to the identity of the third person was removed. The individuals thus arrested were found to be Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Davis, and Jefferson Davis. As they walked back to the tent from which they had tried to escape, Lieutenant Dickinson observed that Davis' high top boots were not covered by his disguise, which probably led to his recognition by Corporal Munger. As the friends of Davis have strenuously denied that he was disguised as a woman, it may not be improper to specify the exact articles of woman's apparel which he had upon him when first seen by Lieutenant Dickinson and Corporal Munger. The former states that he 'was one of the three persons dressed in woman's attire, and had a black mantle wrapped about his head, though the top of which was seen by both of his captors.' Captain G. W. Lawton, of the 4th Michigan Cavalry, states explicitly, upon the testimony of the officers present, that Davis, in addition to his full suit of Confederate gray, had on 'a lady's waterproof cloak, gathered at the waist, with a shawl drawn over the head, and carrying a tin pail.' Colonel Pritchard says, in his official report, that he received from Mrs. Davis, on board the steamer Clyde, of Fort Tress Moore, a waterproof cloak or robe, which was worn by Davis as a disguise, and which was identified by the men who saw it on him at the time of the capture. He secured the balance of the disguise the next day. It consisted of a shawl, which was identified in a similar manner by both Mrs. Davis and the men. From these circumstances, there seems to be no doubt whatever that Davis sought to avoid capture by assuming the dress of a woman, or that the ladies of the party endeavored to pass him off upon his captors as one of themselves."

## LAST WORDS OF EMINENT MEN.

BY "GRIS."

All eminent men have their "last words," just before giving their mortal coil the shake, and these words are often quoted and preserved. Some of them appear to make a study of rendering their closing remarks as effective as possible; if they didn't, they wouldn't be eminent men. No common man ever thinks it worth while to say anything smart just because he is going to die if he does, he is sure to make a failure of it. What a world of grandeur in the final exclamation of Bonaparte—"Head of the Army!"—and what prophetic meaning was embodied in Webster's "I still live!" All eminent men have to die some time, which, in many cases, isn't altogether a public calamity, and the eminent men with whom the present day is so lavishly endowed must naturally pass away. They will of course be a little anxious about their last words—be concerned, as it were, to state about the right thing as they depart, and in the hurry of going this might not readily present itself. It has occurred to us that we might be doing our eminent men a service by suggesting some "last words," which they can adopt if they choose to do so. We don't charge anything for them:—

Andy Johnson—"Oh! Moses."  
Jeff. Davis—"I only ask to be let alone."  
John Morrissey—"Throw up the sponge."  
Ben. Butler—"Bottled up again."  
Gen. Grant—"I have fought it out."  
Banks—"Let 'em slide."  
Forrest—"You have sent for me—and I have come."  
J. N. Freese—"I assume the pressure."  
Fremont—"Prentice's last."  
Forney—"Dead, for a duce!" (dies).  
Seward—"It will be over in sixty days."  
Greeley—"H. G.!"  
Valandigham—"Ass! Ass!"  
Barum—"What is it?"  
Ashley—"Impeach! Impeach!"  
Garrett Davis—"I stick by the Kentucky Resolution of '98."

James Gordon Bennett—When asked if he wants to go Heaven, replies, "not unless they advertise in the Herald."

## THE INDIAN WAR.

Hostilities commenced on the Part of the Cheyennes—A Station Destroyed and Three Men Killed and Scalped—General Hancock on the War Path, Etc. Etc.

DENVER CITY, Colorado, April 22.—Lookout station, two hundred and seventy miles east of Smoky Hill route, was destroyed by the Cheyenne Indians on Monday last, and three of the employees of the United States Express Company killed and scalped. Eight of the company's horses were stolen.

General Hancock had reached Fort Zarah, and attempted with the Indian scouts to find the trail of the Cheyennes, but was unsuccessful. He then surrounded their camp, but before commencing an attack sent forward messengers to propose a treaty. The camp was found deserted, and most of their property abandoned.

General Hancock is supposed to be now on the war path.

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